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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Koji OSAWA, Tatsushi TAKAHASHI, Katsuhiro NATSUME,  
and Takahiro MIURA  
**SURFACE INSPECTING APPARATUS**  
**Assignee: NIDEK CO., LTD.**  
Our Ref. Q78186

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising nineteen (19) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and five (5) sheet(s) of drawings. **The requisite U.S. Government Filing Fee, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, and Assignment will be filed at a later date.** Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

|                    |           |   |           |   |  |   |         |   |               |
|--------------------|-----------|---|-----------|---|--|---|---------|---|---------------|
| Total claims       | <u>10</u> | - | <u>20</u> | = |  | x | \$18.00 | = | \$. <u>00</u> |
| Independent claims | <u>2</u>  | - | <u>3</u>  | = |  | x | \$86.00 | = | \$. <u>00</u> |
| Base Fee           |           |   |           |   |  |   |         |   | \$770.00      |

**TOTAL FEE** \$770.00

Priority is claimed from:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Application No</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Japan          | 2002-310962           | October 25, 2002   |

The priority document is enclosed herewith. Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on Saturday, October 25, 2002, the filing of this application on Monday, October 27, 2003 is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,  
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